



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Constance Baptist, Karen Czapanskiy, Lakshmi Darbha, Kimba Green, Annie Jones

Commissioners Absent: Amanda Fleet, Evelyn Stephenson, Rosario Campos, Nina Carr, Christine Ferguson, Chloe Scott

Guests: Brinley Holmes, Emma Stanley, Jaanai Priest, Judy Smith, Becky Kile, Maura Page, Mimi Teahan, Mary Kate Soliva, Janice Brown, Laurie Fisher, Jackie Pedro

President Dobson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

a. Commissioner and Guests were introduced

b. Guest Speaker: Laurie Fisher, Executive Director, The Literacy Council

i. Laurie shared some statistics on illiteracy, poverty and unemployment.

ii. Frederick County has 1 in 10 or 17K illiterate adults.

iii. Sep 8 is observed as International Literacy Day

iv. The Literacy Council (www.FrederickLiteracy.org), a 53-year old non-profit, that works towards adult literacy, through one-on-one tutoring and group classes from their volunteer tutors

v. Jackie Pedro, one of the Council's successful English language conversation students also shared her experiences as a highly educated immigrant from Syria who initially had difficulty to communicate in English.

vi. Laurie and Jackie answered the questions about the tutor requirements and collaboration with other agencies.

c. Motion was made and seconded to approve August 9, 2016 minutes. Motion passed.

II. Financial Report

a. 4th Quarter Financial Report (revised) was presented.

b. The SheLEADS Program was granted a \$1000 donation from the outreach funds of a local church.

III. Old Business

a. Human Trafficking Committee update

i. Annie Jones summarized The Human Trafficking Council Workshop that was held on Aug 23 led by Council Member Ms. Fitzwater. The workshop included speakers from FCCFW (Annie) and Nina Carr on behalf of Heartly House.

ii. As next step, letters were sent to Frederick County Task force.

iii. The event was publicized by holding "It's Happening" placards.

iv. A T-shirt would be released soon with the logo, "I am not for sale".

v. Janice Brown announced about the next event on Sep 22, Thu 11am involving the author of the book "Nobody's Girl" Barbara Amaya

b. SheLeads Program

i. Annie Jones announced that the first session of 2016 SheLeads program will commence on Oct 15, with about 15 students from Frederick HS and Walkersville HS at C. Burr Arts Library.

ii. Theme of this program is "Finding your voice"

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iii. A meeting is planned for Sept 23, 2016

c. Legislative Committee

i. Karen Czapanskiy and Sharon Dobson put forth two suggestions for Frederick County Legislative packet – 2017. These suggestions were discussed at the meeting.

1. Rape survival family protection act

2. House bill on Human trafficking

d. Marketing Committee

i. Kimba Green updated on the Committee's plans with new budget and search for sponsors of Leadership Alliance Dinner.

IV. New Business

a. Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

i. Naturalization Ceremony sponsored by Human Relations Commission, September 17, 2016, 11:00-12:30, Winchester Hall, Voter Registration, need 5 volunteers

ii. Festival of India, September 17, 2016, 5:00pm, Talley Recreation Center. The CFW will not have a booth, but Commissioners and Volunteers are encouraged to attend. No admission fee

iii. Latino Festival, October 9, 2016 (12-4pm) will be held Frederick Community College, need 5 volunteers

b. Commissioner/Guest announcements

i. Next week at Hood College: NPR radio talk host presents, Passion in Profession

V. Adjournment of 8:19pm

VI. Closed Session for Commissioners to vote on new applications

Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7 pm in Winchester Hall.

Note that our November 2016 meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th due to the election.

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